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Cleveland, OH 44114
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows:

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant has proposed amendments to Figures 1, 1A, 1B, 2 and 3 as indicated in red on each "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" submitted herewith. Formal drawings reflecting these proposed amendments are also enclosed herewith and each sheet of formal drawings has been labeled "Replacement Sheet."

The proposed amendments are as follows:

a. FIG. 1

- remove extraneous arrow

b. FIGS. 1A, 1B, 2 and 3

- change duplicate reference character "F" to "E3"